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Sir:

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

This communication is responsive to the Office Action dated September 27, 1996, an unnumbered paper. In that Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 1-4, 22, 26-29, 48, 53-54, 72, 77, 94, 98-103, 120, 124-126 and 131 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 4,349,921 issued to Kuntz on September 21, 1982. Claims 5-7, 9-10, 17-20, 30-32, 34-35, 42-45, 55-57, 59-60, 67-70, 78-82, 89-92, 104-105, 107-108, 115-118, and 132 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over Kuntz in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,936,848 issued to Bagby on June 26, 1990. Claims 8, 13, 33, 38, 58, 63, 80, 85, 106, 111, 128 and 134 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over Kuntz in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,904,260 issued to Ray et al. on February 27, 1990. Claims 11, 14-16, 23-24, 36, 39-41, 49-50, 61, 64-66, 73-74, 83-84, 86-88, 95-96, 109, 112-114, 121-122, 127, 129, 133 and 135 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103